



Venice Neighborhood Council

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AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Schools & Parks Committee
Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291
March 21, 2024 5:30 - 6:30pm**

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Paul Davis	Eric Donaldson	John Palka
Regan Kibbee	Mehrnoosh Mojallali	Robin Murez
Julie Bean		

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: see committee page

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS *(Items considered in prior meeting):*

1. Dialog with RAP & CD11 regarding Venice parks
 Informal by constituents; formal not yet scheduled
 Preserving Public Places hosted discussion of OFW
 Public Comment - 1 minute each
 Committee Discussion
 Motion (see new business)



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maintenance and Improvements of Venice Parks -
 - Linnie Playground, Centennial Park, Ocean Front Walk Playground, Penmar Park, Triangle Park, Westminster Clubhouse, Oakwood Park
 - Public Comment - 1 minute each
 - Committee Discussion
 - Motion

MOTION

(A Joint Motion by Schools and Parks Committees with Preserving Public Places, Arbor Committees)

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks respond to specific requests and questions from the community, detailed in the attached memorandum, regarding maintenance and improvements of the following Venice parks: Linnie Canal Playground, Centennial Park, OFW Playground, Triangle Park, Westminster Park, Penmar Park and Oakwood Park.

Maker ___ Seconded ___
Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

MEMORANDUM

A. Linnie Canal Playground:

- Replacement of bench
- Repair / replacement of playground surface
- Repair & re-seeding of lawn
- Replacement of pole protectors
- Repair & Repainting perimeter fencing
- Replacement of Playground structure with updated equipment

B. Centennial Park:



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Re-planting of 4 small lawns per Venice Blvd Landscape Plan and historic references and native plantings throughout the interior of the park

Relocation of new perimeter fence to enable visibility of plantings/greenery from roadway, access to Abbot Kinney Blvd per DOT pedestrian island recommendation & elimination of dead zone parallel to parking lot wall.

Installation of VNC-supported community projects: Carousel pavilion plus other proposed installations (as they come to be presented/reviewed and endorsed) if compatible, e.g. playground equipment, butterfly garden, etc.

Replacement and addition of trees

C. OFW Westminster Playground: Immediate replacement of playground equipment
The community largely supports RAP's replacement proposal, specifically: Venice Themed, ADA accessible, 2-5 and 5-12 year old features, towers, spinners, supernova, music, climbing

Requests (or explanation if impossible):

Fencing for security at toddler area

More swings

Sand as ground surface (at least in parts)

Natural (wood) playground equipment and seating (at least in part)

Sustainable and/or recycled materials where possible

Balance features

Suspension Bridges connecting elements

Trees & additional plantings

Shade (for seating)

Toddler Excavators

Musical features

Water features

D. Triangle Park: Shade & Seating needed

E. Westminster Park Clubhouse: Dialogue with VNC regarding next tenant / use(s)

F. Penmar Park: Increase security - prevent overnight parking

Install permeable jogging path and plantings as planned, along Rose Avenue

Add trees

G Oakwood Park: Add trees,

Re-open previously available exterior-access public bathrooms after renovation as/if needed.



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Supporting Documents:

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2. Playground proposal for Centennial Park - presentation by Alyson Wilson
Public Comment - 1 minute each
Committee Discussion
Motion

Meeting **ADJOURNED**

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